

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/662,686 <b>Examiner</b>	TAFEL, BRIAN L. <b>Art Unit</b>
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to amendment of April 5, 2007 and telephone interview of September 29, 2007.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Brian Tafel on September 29, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the Claims:**

- 1) Claim 1, line 3, the word "the", between the words "from" and "roll", has been deleted.
- 2) Claim 1, lines 9-11, the phrase "coreshaft means rigidly assembled into the central cores of said first roll and said second rolls, hereinafter referred to as the "first roll assembly" and the "second roll assembly" respectively," has been replaced with the phrase --a first roll assembly including coreshaft means rigidly assembled into a central core of said first roll and a second roll assembly including coreshaft means rigidly assembled into a central core of said second roll,--
- 3) Claim 3, line 5, the word --means-- has been inserted after the word "coreshaft".
- 4) Claim 4, line 8, the word "a", between the words "said" and "motor", has been deleted. Further, on line 8, the phrase --drive means-- has been inserted between the words "motor" and "being".

5) Claim 6, lines 1-2, the phrase “means to remove said first roll after the splicing cycle” has been replaced with the phrase --roll transport vehicular means--.

6) Claim 8, line 2, the word “the”, between the words “raise” and “carriage”, has been replaced with the word --a--. On line 3, the word “a”, before the word “roll”, has been replaced with the word --said--. On line 4, the word “a”, before the word “driving”, has been replaced with the word --said--. On line 6, the word “a”, before the word “splicing”, has been replaced with the word --said--. On line 7, the phrase --said operative arm-- has been inserted between the words “and” and “means”.

7) Claim 12, lines 1-2, the phrase “method and means to remove said first roll assembly after the splicing cycle” has been replaced with the phrase --roll transport vehicular means--.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William A. Rivera whose telephone number is 571-272-6953. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Peter M. Cuomo can be reached on 571-272-6856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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